

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please accept the following abstract since none was provided with the original US National Stage Application papers:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The glass ceramic is essentially free of alkali and has a composition, in wt. % based on oxide content of: SiO₂, 35 to 70; Al₂O₃, 14 to 40; MgO, 0 to 20; ZnO, 0 to 15; TiO₂, 0 to 10; ZrO₂, 0 to 10; Ta₂O₅, 0 to 8; BaO, 0 to 10; CaO, 0 to <8; SrO, 0 to 5; B₂O₃, 0 to 10; P₂O₅, 0 to <4 and at least one fining agent, 0 to 4. This glass ceramic is particularly useful for making lamp bulbs, minimized tubes for flat screens and high pressure metal halide lamps.